AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-referenced application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A low-profile stepping motor, comprising:

a first stator unit including: a first upper stator yoke having a plurality of pole teeth ~~which are~~ formed along ~~its~~ a semicircular inner circumference thereof; a first lower stator yoke having a plurality of pole teeth ~~which are~~ formed along ~~its~~ a semicircular inner circumference thereof, ~~and which mesh~~ the plurality of pole teeth meshing with the pole teeth of the first upper stator yoke; and a first coil unit fixedly sandwiched between the first upper and lower stator yokes,

a second stator unit including: a second upper stator yoke punched out as one piece integrally with the first upper stator yoke so as to form an upper twin-stator yoke plate, and having a plurality of pole teeth ~~which are~~ formed along ~~its~~ a semicircular inner circumference thereof; a second lower stator yoke punched out as one piece integrally with the first lower stator yoke so as to form a lower twin-stator yoke plate, and having a plurality of pole teeth ~~which are~~ formed along ~~its~~ a semicircular inner circumference thereof, ~~and which mesh~~ the plurality of pole teeth meshing with the pole teeth of the second upper stator yoke; and a second coil unit fixedly sandwiched between the second upper and lower stator yokes and arranged horizontally flush with the first coil unit, wherein one of the upper twin-stator yoke plate and the lower twin-stator yoke plate is structured such that one half of its pole teeth partitioned in half by a predetermined datum line and open spaces each residing between two adjacent pole teeth of the other half are positioned symmetrically about the predetermined datum line, ~~whereby the one twin-stator yoke plate can be used in common to the other twin-stator yoke plate,~~

a resin plate formed simultaneously with a resin which is filled between the pole teeth of the first and second stator units, and

a rotor assembly including a cylindrical magnet and rotatably disposed in a circular open space defined by the pole teeth of the first and second stator units.

2. (Original) A low-profile stepping motor according to Claim 1, wherein any two pole teeth located adjacent to each other with one pole tooth thereof being formed on the first stator yoke and the other pole tooth formed on the second stator yoke are shifted from each other by an electrical angle of either 90 degrees or 270 degrees.

3. (Original) A low-profile stepping motor according to Claim 1, wherein the datum line is defined so as to coincide with a center line running midway between the first and second stator yokes.

4. (Currently amended) A low-profile stepping motor according to Claim 1, wherein the datum line is defined so as to pass a center of a hole formed at the one twin-stator yoke plate and ~~adapted~~ functioning to engagingly hold the first coil unit and a center of a hole formed at the one twin-stator yoke plate and ~~adapted~~ functioning to engagingly hold the second coil unit.

5. (New) A low profile stepping motor according to Claim 1, wherein the resin plate is formed in an opening of the upper twin-stator yoke plate.